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SUBJECT: VENUZUELAN GOVERNMENT INTEREST IN EARTH RESOURCES
SATELLITE (ERTS) PROGRAM

REF: CARACAS 8475

1. IN RESPONSE REFTTEL, NASA ADVISES LONG-TERM AGRICULTURAL SURVEY PROJECT USING ERTS DATA WOULD BEST BE UNDERTAKEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH ESTABLISHMENT ERTS DATA ACQUISITION AND PROCESSING FACILITIES IN VENEZUELA. AS EMBASSY AWARE, PROPOSED ERTS AGREEMENT IN WHICH MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS WOULD PROVIDE SUCH FACILITIES FORWARDED MAY 8, 1974. CARACAS 07052 ADVISED PROPOSED AGREEMENT STILL BEING TRANSLATED BY LEGAL DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN MINISTRY. REQUEST EMBASSY ACTION TO DETERMINE PRESENT STATUS.

2. ABOVE MENTIONED NASA/MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT WOULD PROVIDE DIRECT ACCESS TO DATA FROM ERTS-TYPE SATELLITES. MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS COULD PROCESS DATA
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INTO IMAGERY OR DIGITAL TAPES FOR USE BY MINISTRY OF

AGRICULTURE.

3. DURING PERIOD 1972-74 NASA PROVIDED MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS EARTH RESOURCES IMAGERY IN SUPPORT OF THREE NASA-SELECTED INVESTIGATIONS (REGIONAL PLANNING, NATURAL RESOURCES, COASTAL POLLUTION AND GEOLOGY). RECOMMEND AGRICULTURE MINISTRY OFFICIALS CONTACT PUBLIC WORKS MINISTRY COUNTERPARTS TO DETERMINE APPLICABILITY/AVAILABILITY THESE DATA. NASA CONTACT FOR ABOVE INVESTIGATIONS WAS DR. MANUEL J. CORAO, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT, PUBLIC WORKS MINISTRY.

4. SUGGEST MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE REPRESENTATIVE(S) CONSIDER US VISIT TO DISCUSS AGRICULTURAL APPLICATIONS EARTH RESOURCES DATA AND TRAINING POSSIBILITIES. NASA WOULD WELCOME BRIEF VISITS TO CENTERS AT HOUSTON, TEXAS AND/OR GREENBELT, MARYLAND AND COULD SUGGEST ITINERARY TO INCLUDE UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN EARTH RESOURCES FIELD. SUGGEST AGRICULTURE MINISTRY OFFICIALS CONTACT JAMES V. ZIMMERMAN, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, NASA HEADQUARTERS. END. KISSINGER

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